



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

June 27, 2014

MAIN STREET PROJECT

There will be a special meeting of the City Council on **Monday, June 30th**, at **7:00 PM**, in City Council Chambers, to allow City staff to present the findings of the Main Street Project report. This meeting is open to the public. A July 14th public hearing will be recommended to allow public comment on the project.

After much work on the part of the design team, City staff, the Federal Highway Administration and the selected contractor, the recommended project scope does not necessitate any additional General Fund appropriations and preserves the vast majority of the elements of the original design, including, but not limited to, the following:

- New accessibility to 18 storefronts;
- Elimination of the double curb;
- Wide sidewalks with quality materials;
- Cobblestone median;
- LED street lighting;
- Trees in irrigated planters and tree wells; and
- Downtown street-wide banner supports.

In addition, the recommendation offers a cost-effective way to provide downtown maintenance and prompt snow removal. The final report on the Main Street Project is available at www.concordmainstreetproject.com.

ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS - PENACOOK VILLAGE

Next week, Granite State Curb crews will continue with the installation of the granite curb along Village Street. The concrete sidewalks are slated to be poured next week as well. Access to businesses will be maintained throughout the reconstruction of the sidewalks. The City parking lot adjacent to Chief's Restaurant has been reconfigured with angled parking and a new one-way entrance off of Village Street. The electrical contractor is wrapping up the installation of light pole bases and the electrical pull boxes. Once all is in place, efforts to restore landscaped areas within Boudreau Square will begin.



MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED



All City offices and the Concord Public Library, will be closed on Friday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE TRASH & RECYCLE COLLECTION

There will be **no curbside trash and recycling collection on Friday, July 4th**. Curbside trash and recycling collection for Friday will take place on Saturday, July 5th. Please place trash and recycling at the curb by 7:00 AM.

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION



The annual Independence Day celebration will be held at Memorial Field on July 4th. For the first time in several decades, the fireworks will be fired from the Memorial Field complex itself, which will dramatically increase the visibility of the show for everyone at the park. Activities will begin at 4:00 PM with an American Legion baseball game; at 5:30 PM, WJYY will broadcast live from the bandstand; at 7:30 PM the Nevers Band will perform; and the fireworks show will begin at dusk.



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★ EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT ★

Administrative Technician II **Colette Osgood**, of the City Clerk's Office, recently received one of the City's **Top Step Awards** for her excellent customer service skills. Described by customers as warm, welcoming, efficient and friendly, Colette is a joy to have in our employ. Colette deals with emotional events in the lives of her customers: deaths, births, weddings; and each one is given her undivided attention. Her knowledge of the French language further enhances her ability to assist customers. She is a great customer service representative for the City of Concord.

FIRE EMPLOYEES TAKE SWIFTWATER RESCUE TRAINING



Sixteen (16) members of the Fire Department recently completed a 3-day course and received certification as swift water rescue technicians. The Department operates three boats and responds to several calls each year in the City's many waterways.

SAWMILL/HOPKINTON ROAD WATER MAIN LINING

Next week on Hopkinton Road, the contractor will be excavating the access pits to the water main and will begin to connect residents to the temporary water main. Traffic delays are expected. Tree and brush clearing will occur in order to access the cross country water main between Hopkinton and Sawmill Road.



PECKER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Parks staff have been busy assisting the East Concord Garden Club with the removal and addition of plant material at Pecker Park, located on the corner of Shaker Road and Mountain Road. Pecker Park is a small park with several raised annual and perennial beds, along with a monument and plaque honoring the park's namesake. The Club members have been working for some time on raising funds to add perennials and a dwarf spruce tree to the park. Parks staff assisted with this project by gaining approval from the neighbors for the plan, picking up the plants which were purchased with Club funds, removing two arborvitaes, and planting the new shrubs and tree. The Club hopes to install an automatic irrigation system this summer to ease irrigation operations for the club members. The irrigation system will also be paid for with Club funds.



PAVING PLAN WEB PAGE

With the recent attention to City road conditions from the media and the public, the General Services Department has created a new page on its website to reflect the City's paving plan. The page (www.concordnh.gov/pavingplan) provides the proposed plan for 2014-2023 and explains the process that goes into repairing a road. The page also provides information on how residents can report concerns about road conditions.

NH PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

June 30th is the deadline for property owners to apply to the State of New Hampshire for relief of a portion of the State education property tax. Property owners who owned their homes on April 1, 2013 are eligible to apply. There is no age requirement or asset limit for this program. A single person whose total household income was \$20,000 or less in 2013, and married persons or heads of New Hampshire households with total household income of \$40,000 or less may apply. Applications are available at www.nh.gov/revenue or www.concordnh.gov/assessing. Forms may also be obtained from the City's Assessing Office located in City Hall. For more information, call the NH Department of Revenue at 230-5000.